Hundreds of Interesting Relies of Colonial flays Grouped in the Various Chapter Rooms - Dozens of Well Known Daughters Present at the Reception.

The women who compose the Wash-Ington Headquarters Association of New York celebrated all yesterday afternoon the formal opening of the old Colonial Jumel mansion, at 160th street and Jumel terrace, after many months work of restoration and a longer fight to get the city to buy the site for the Department of Parks. has been an uphill fight for the four chapters of the Daughters of the American Revolution which make up the associa-tion to convince the municipal authorities that the place should be saved from de-

struction. There were no formal exercises yesterday, but all over the building the Stars and Stripes were draped, flags flew from the lawns that overlooked almost all Manhattan and part of Long Island and a brass band played for the assembled crowds till dusk fell. The house was thronged with visitors who had come to see the interesting relics in the various chapter rooms and the lawns were dotted with girls in spring gowns and elderly matrons who sought the camp chairs. There was a big sprinkling of men also, most of whom wore badges of various patriotic societies on their coats.

Mrs. Samuel J. Kramer, regent of the

Washington Heights Chapter, D. A. R., received the guests yesterday in her capacity of president of the Headquarters Association, which comprises the Washington Heights, Manhattan, Knickerbocker and Mary Washington chapters of the New York D. A. R. Among others receiving with her were Mrs. John Hudson Storer, Miss Mary Van Buren Vanderpoel, Mrs. William C. Story, Mrs. Frederick Hasbrouck, Mrs. Edwin R. Fay of Stamford, Conn., Mrs. Robert Dhu Macdonald, Mrs. Julius H. Seymour, Mrs. Thomas Vermilye, Mrs. N. Taylor Phillips, Mrs. Albert B. Vorhis, Mrs. William R. Stewart and Mrs. Julius Henry Caryi. Among the guests were Mrs. Anson Atterbury, president of the Colonial Dames; Mrs. Sidney Rosenfeld, Mrs. Clarence Burns, president of the Little Mothers' Association Women's Club; Mrs. Thomas J. Vivian, president of the Chicago Foreign to the California Club of New York, and many officers representing the Daughters of the Revolution, Daughters of the American Revolution, Sons of the American Revolution and the Historical

In each chapter room the women of the rancing chapter have grouped hundreds of interesting relics of Colonial days, and these are now to be permanently on view for the benefit of the public. The relics lent or given outright to the association to the museum are too many to his form the museum are too many to list. There is a four poster with old chintz curtains done in block printing on the top floor and the bed itself is covered with a white and blue spread that was spun and

woven by hand generations ago by a servant in the Weed family. Portraits of colonial celebrities, men and women, adorn the wide corridors and the chapter rooms. Some of the paintings are originals and the remainder are copies made from pictures that hang in the Capitol at Washington. All afternoon the crowds who journeyed to this old home, that was Washington's after the retreat from Long where later Mme. Jume and Aaron Burr were married, wandered from cabinet to cabinet to see the relics that ranged from blue china or au oil can 150 years old to a Latin testament printed 1644 and lent by the Rev. John G. Gebhard

In the "tea room" at the left as one enters In the "tea room" at the left as one enters is the fireplace and mantelpiece that was there in Mme. Jumel's day, and it was before that fireplace that she and Burr stood when they were married. Many of the rooms have been repainted and papered, but in the room devoted to the Revolutionary relics picked up around Washington Heights and lent by Reginald Pelham Bolton two of the old wall paper panels have been preserved and are covered with long sheets of plate glass.

When one had wandered from room to room for a few hours and had become saturated with a proper colonial atmosphere it was somewhat of a shock to step out on the pillared veranda again and look down upon the Polo Grounds where little figures n gray or white uniforms stood on a field velvet encircled by bleachers black humanity that looked like flies far below. There were no coaches and four around the curbs, either, but long lines of waiting automobiles instead. The band on the lawn was playing Victor Herbert music, and far across the city the elevated trains rattled like red worms and the smoke and steam trailed from chimneys even far across on Long Island. But the Daughters said they were giad that their visitors could see these things from the front door of the new museum because they accented the relics all the more. And the factories can send up plumes of smoke all they want to now,

said the Daughters, so long as the Daughters are now assured that the factories can't crowd their museum off the lot. THE CHURCH TOO COLD. Bishop Lines at Newark Says a Lack of

Earnestness Is Evident. Bishop Edwin S. Lines of the Protestant Episcopal diocese of Newark, in his annual address at the convention yesterday in Trinity Church, Newark, declared that the reason the Church was not increasing in numbers was because of the lack of earnestness in religious affairs. He said the gains of the Church since the last diocesan convention were not satisfactory and that the people attributed this poor showing to the clergy. Speaking on the subject the

Our churches have not the good name which they ought to have for warm brotherly kindness and hospitality. A good many people have been drawn toward the Church the dignity and reverence of her services, by the order and steadiness of our church life, and they have not added to our store of religious zeal and activity. They are not with us from deep conviction that this church maintains to-day in respect to order, life and faith most nearly the ideal of the Church which Christ and His Apostles founded and which should be filled with the zeal and devotion and self-sacrifice of the early Chritsians. he thought of too many of us is upon the material equipment of our churches, upon the provision of what pleases our taste and of what we like in religion.

Church has often been made weak rather than strong by men and women of high position in the social and business world who are out of sympathy with the great npany of people and who forget the great laws of justice and mercy and purity in the ordering of their lives.

The Seasoers. Sailing to-day by the White Star liner Teutonic, for Queenstown and Liverpool:

Lieut. A. P. Addison, Commander S. R. Drury-Howe, John M. Gallup, G. N. Hitchcock. Mr. and Mrs. Stilson Hutchins. Mr. and Mrs. Harry H. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. om MacNaughton, James Munro. J. I. Pyle. forace Pettit, Mr. and Mrs. James A. Shepsard. Mr. snd Mrs. Albert E. Statton, Prof. and Mrs. John Phelps Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Gibert H. Turner and Ford Witherspoon. Passengers by the Holland-America eamship Nieuw Amsterdam, for Boulogne and Rotterdam:

and Rotterdam:

Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Boissevain, Dr. and
Mrs. Ernst Bischoff, Robert G. Church, the
Lev. M. A. Van den Bogaard, Mrs. J. W.
Mrs. Charles E. Hyde, Mr. and Mrs.
D. Haynes, Mr. and Mrs. Gottfried R.
Leueger, Mr. and Mrs. H. Grant Thompson,
Riyperda Wierdsma, Dr. and Mrs. John S.
Lacher, Dr. and Mrs. Horace Packard,
Jr. and Mrs. Rotert F. Percy and Mr. and Mrs.
Laul W. Orvis.

EASY WAY TO MAKE MONEY. Lempin Thought It Was Better Than Hav-

ing a Job in the Mint-Out \$750. Henry Lempin, a dealer in incandescent lamps of 65 Ludlow street, complained to Magistrate Barlow in the Essex Market police court yesterday afternoon that he had been swindled out of \$750. Isidore Margolis, of 230 East Eleventh street, was arraigned on a charge of grand larceny, Lempin accusing him of being an accomplice of the man who got the money.

On May 24 a stranger met Lempin on the street and said that he knew Lempin's people in the old country. Lempin warmed o him and accompanied him to the tenement at 64 First street to look into a method which the man said he had perfected for the manufacture of counterfeit money.

A machine with many wires leading to an electric battery was shown to the victim. Two five dollar bills were laid on blotting Two five dollar bills were laid on blotting paper, and covered with slips of white paper of the same size. The stranger sprinkled the paper with liquids from four or five bottles, and placing the whole in the machine, turned on the "current."

At the end of three minutes the pad of bills and paper was removed and placed in a letter press. There it remained an hour. Then the press was opened, and the stranger showed four five dollar bills and no white paper at all.

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Lempin was sceptical about the bills being passable until the stranger took him around to a bank and got two \$10 bills for them. Then he agreed to return with money to be duplicated.

The next day Lempin put \$750 in the machine. The sharper told him it would machine. The sharper told him it would take twenty-four hours to duplicate the big denominations and do such a big job generally. So Lempin went home, leaving his money in the letter press. He found no one in the place when he called next day. The door was open, and he found the press, but inside there was only the white paper. The victim remembered that Margolis, whom he knew, had quizzed him some time before on just the points in his affairs with which the stranger had been familiar. This recollection followed his wife's state-

This recollection followed his wife's statement that she had seen Margolis with such a man as Lempin described.

Margolis denied any knowledge of the transaction. Magistrate Barlow parolled him in the custody of his counsel until May 31

EX-PASTOR SEEKS FREEDOM. Cordova. Who Eloped With a Chorister Asks for a Parden.

New Brunswick, N. J., May 28,--J. Frank Cordova, the unfrocked preacher of South River, who is serving a four year sentence in the State prison for his misdeeds, has filed a petition at Trenton asking for a pardon. His case will be heard by the Board of Pardons at its next sitting.

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Cordova was pastor of the Methodist
Church at South River, and while in charge
there fell in love with a singer in his choir,
Miss Julia Bowne and eloped with her,
leaving a wife and several children. The
couple were caught in Washington, D. C.,
and brought to this city. He was sentenced by Judge Woodbridge Strong to
four years at hard labor.

BELASCO GETS IN SOME DIGS At the Theatre Trust, Hummel, Richepin's Present Lawyers and Richepin.

May & Jacobson, counsel for Jean Riche pin, the Parisian dramatist, tried hard vesterday to get David Belasco to tell what he receipts from "Du Barry" were, either in New York or any other city. Mr. Belasco was on the witness stand in a preliminary examination ordered in connection with a suit which Richepin has brought to recover royalties which, he alleges, are due him on

"Du Barry."

"Do you mean to tell me that you don't know whether your production pays or loses during a week or an engagement?" asked Mr. May fiercely after he had been driving away with questions for an hour or more.

"I mean to say," replied Belasco, "that I concern myself exclusively about the artis-tic success of my plays, and I have paid eistants who not only attend to money assistants who not only attend to honey matters but take pains to see that I am not advised about them. You might as well ask me how many stars there are in the heavens as to inquire into the financial end of my

"I insist that this action be brought to trial," shouted Mr. Belasco in the course of the examination. "For six years I have of the examination. For six years I have borne the persecutions of Charles Frohman and the theatrical trust in this suit, instigated originally by Elizabeth Marbury and carried on by the firm of Howe & Hummel, intil necessity demanded that that firm cease, when it was transferred to you."
"Don't you make any personal state-ments against this firm!" shouted Lawyer

Jacobson in reply.
"I will say what is true," retorted Belasco. "I will say what is true," retorted belasco,
"and you won't deny, David May, that only
three nights before Hummel's trip to Blackwell's Island you conferred with him in
his own house in regard to this very suit."
Mr. May was silent and Judge Dittenhoefer Belesco's counsel, laid a restraining

hand on the playwright's arm.

At another time Mr. Belasco said exone is more anxious than I to see this matter settled in court. But there will be some sensational things in it before I get through. This is a dirty deal and Richepin shall be made to feel it in Paris where I shall bring suit to show that instead of using his play I not only returned it to him in toto but am aware that his is a rank

The examination was adjourned pending a decision of the Supreme Court as to whether or not Belasco shall produce his books, data and memoranda in regard to Du Barry

News of Plays and Players.

Charles Dillingham has closed a contract with Elsie Janis by which she will star in musical comedy under his management for five years. The new play in which she is to appear next season is by an American author and is almost completed. The last scene is laid at Newport, where the principal character is enjoying her first season as a débutante. Her mother is giving an enter-tainment, "Vaudeville in the Barn," but the

tainment, "Vaudeville in the Barn," but the company of professional players engaged for the occasion fail to reach their destination. Miss Janis saves the situation by impersonating every one of the performers. Luna Park will commemorate Decoration Day in a patriotic manner. A distinguishing feature will be the band concert in the evening, when John Philip Sousa will conduct several numbers, and Bert Morphy, "The Man that Sings to Beat the Band," will sing Mr. Sousa's latest composition en-"The Man that Sings to Beat the Band," will sing Mr. Sousa's latest composition entitled "I've Made My Plans for the Summer."

B. F. Keith has taken the famous Boston Theatre on Washington street in that city. For the last six years the Boston Theatre has been under the management of Lawrence McCarthy and its attractions have heretofore been booked by the Klaw & Erlanger syndicate. Just what the policy of the entertainment will be Mr. Keith has not yet decided.

not yet decided. ediately at the conclusion of Miss Immediately at the conclusion of Miss Grace George's season at Wallack's next Thursday night carpenters will lay an entirely new stage floor of maple in preparation for "His Honor the Mayor," which opens on Monday, June 3. The special stage is necessitated by a new skating ballet led by Nella Webb.

The Bostock show at Coney Island announces that it will have a real white elembant on view on Decoration Day.

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There will be no matinée of "The Orchid"
at the Heraid Square Theatre to-day. This
performance will give way to the extra
one billed for Decoration Day afternoon.
Wednesday matinée tickets will be honored
for the afternoon following.

Philharmonic Election. At a meeting of the Philharmonic Society. held yesterday, the following officers were elected: President, Andrew Carnegie; vicepresident, Richard Arnold; secretary, Felix F. Leifels; treasurer, Henry P. Schmitt. Directors, R. Klugescheld, L. Kester, A. Roebbelen, C. Hauser, A. Seiferth, F. Ruh-lander. Trustees, A. Reiff, M. Niebling, J. Laendner. Librarian, H. Boewig.

WANT THE RED CROSS FUNDS

SAN FRANCISCANS HERE TO SEE WHAT CAN BE DONE.

Ex-Mayor Phelan and M. H. De Young Think 8900,000 is Coming to San Francisco -Red Cross Wants to Retain a Per manent Fund-Conditions in the City.

James D. Phelan, ex-Mayor of San Franeisco, and Michael H. de Young of the San Francisco Chronicle have been in New York for several days with an idea among other things of discovering what the National Red Cross intends doing with \$900,000 more or less of the fund contributed for the relief of San Francisco. They are members of the committee of five which had general control over the outlay of the funds contributed directly to San Francisco as well as supplied through the Red Cross.

Mr. de Young said yesterday that ex-Mayor Phelan had received a message from Washington to assure him that San Francisco would get the money which had been turned over for no other purpose than for the relief of the city. However, it was indicated that the National Red Cross would like to reserve a part as a sort of contingency fund, so that should there be a big fire anywhere in the United States the Red Cross could go to work at once.

"They have no right to this money, said Mr. de Young, "nor had they any right to withhold it from us from April until November of last year as they did. Last September at their regular meeting they were going to decide to turn it over to us, but Mr. Taft was away from Washington and that wasn't done. They did get together the next month, however, and nformed us that if we made out a monthly budget of our expenses they would take

budget of our expenses they had send us some money.
"In each case with the monthly budget they struck out the sums mentioned for the rehabilitation of hospitals and charities are consistent by religious associations and maintained by religious associations and then divided the sum which remained exactly in half. The half was what we got exactly in half. The nau from Washington each month.

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"They simply made it a point that their money was to be devoted to direct relief of individuals. They did not want it spent for institutions. However, as it was not their money at all they really had no right to make conditions of any sort. They gave us half of what was left after they made their deduction, because they fleured. made their deduction because they figured out that we had enough coming to us from other sources to get along. In obedience to their wishes, so that they would not hold up our money, we did not spend the sums they sent on any of the so-called forbidden objects.

forbidden objects.
"But we did spend our other money in that way. It required a lot of bookkeeping, but we did it. Whenever there was a case of a church hospital in damaged condition or of a church charity needing funds they were helped out by the committee not, of course, through Red Cross money."

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Mr. De Young said that at this time there
were in San Francisco only 565 persons
who were being supported by the city
absolutely. They were persons whose
places of business or homes were wiped
out by the fire and who were unable to do
any work. Mr. De Young said that the
rehabilitation committee had set up in
business 14,000 persons whose vocations
had been disturbed. They did this by
a sort of card index system of investigation.
The applicant stated the nature of his a sort of card index system of investigation. The applicant stated the nature of his business, naming the number of the street where he had his shop or the persons for whom he worked. They were seen by the investigators and they reported as to the advisability of starting up the person mentioned in business.

This work was done by a special committee, the money chiefly employed being that sent by the New York Chamber of Commerce.

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Commerce.

Mr. De Young took a very rosy view
of affairs in San Francisco. The labor
strike he explained away with a wave of
the hand. He said that a lot of the big
stores had entered into contracts for new
buildings that would cost altogether \$65,600,000. They had two and three year
leases on the ground they occupied at
present, which was not in the regular
shopping district and retail precinct. They were in no hurry for their new building and for that reason there was little actua construction work being done. They didn't

want it done, he said.

"As for the buildings actually held up, that is because they can't get the steel construction necessary. That is the same case right here in the East," said Mr. De Young, "so that there is no reason to point out San Francisco especially. Furthermore, suppose that wages have doubled from 50 to 100 per cent. just because the labor unions have their grip on the city, aren't the workmen spending it all in the stores? It is making business for the San Stores marchants, which is better than Francisco merchants, which is better than it was before the fire. Every one is making money, the city is nearly rebuilt and every thing is on the boom."

DELAY FOR FAIR FLOWER. Bright Cloud, Indian Chief, Contends That

She Has No Claim on Him New. Dr. Acland Oronhyatekha, who is pereditary chief of the Mohawks, and whose ribal name is Bright Cloud, was arraigned before Magistrate Finn in the Yorkville court yesterday for an examination on the charge of abandoning his wife, Natalie,

The big chief was arrested last week as he was about to sail for Holland. He was arraigned at that time before Magistrate Finn and the hearing put over until yes-

who is known among the Mohawks as Fair

rair Flower alleged that Bright Cloud left her five years ago and had not since contributed to her support. Bright Cloud produced papers to show

that while the couple were in Canada the wife signed articles of separation. Later he got a divorce from her in Dakota.

Bright Cloud's lawyer said the matter was not within the jurisdiction of the court, He said Fair Flower was an English subject and a resident of Jersey, and that the separation courted in Canada. fair Flower's lawyer

Fair Flower's lawyer contended that the case was within Magistrate Finn's juris-diction and asked for twenty-four hours in which to prepare a brief on the subject The request was granted.

GIFT TO COLUMBIA. Prof. Hamiin Present When His Portrait

Is Presented.

The students of the school of architecture columbia University, presented to the university yesterday afternoon a portrait of A. D. F. Hamlin, dean of the school of architecture. The presentation took place in the Avery library. Prof. Hamlin made a speech in which he said in part:

"This makes me feel as if I had not only been hung but were also dead; further than that I will not go." The portrait is the work of John Redmond Kelly.

Fifty Years the City's Law Clerk. The colleagues of Andrew T. Campbell. chief clerk in the Corporation Counsel's office, are preparing to celebrate the completion of his fifty years in the employ of the city. On Saturday there will be a

reception in his honor in the office of the Corporation Counsel. Mr. Campbell was appointed in 1857 by Abraham R. Lawrence, then Acting Counsel. appointed in 1857 by Abraham R. Lawrence, then Acting Corporation Counsel, who has promised to be present next Saturday, as have Francis M. Scott, Morgan J. O'Brien, John Whalen, George L. Rives, Judge Lacombe and John Delany, each of whom has been Corporation Counsel

Affred T. White Succeeds Alexander E. Orr. Alexander E. Orr, owing to continued ill ealth, has resigned as president of the Long Island Historical Society and Alfred T. White has been elected his successor. Mr. Orr is still a member of the board of di-

BROOKLYN SUBWAY HELD UP Despite the Protests of Comptroller Metz and Mr. Hurley.

The committee on plans and contracts of the Rapid Transit Commission met yesterday to consider the advisability of recommending that the board proceed with the Fourth avenue subway from Brooklyn to Coney Island before the commission goes out of office. Alexander E. Orr is still unable to leave his house and the other members of the committee, Comptroller Metz, John H. Starin and Charles Stewart Smith, took up the project. Mr. Metz urged going ahead with the scheme. He suggested changes i m the original four track plan which wou make the cost of the route not more than \$21,000,000, and insisted that this outlay, spread over three or four years, could easily be afforded by the city. Mr. Starin and Mr. Smith, however, dia not like to undertake the responsibility and on their vote it was decided to leave the determination to the meeting of the full

In point of fact it would be impossible to let the contract for the construction of the let the contract for the construction of the road before July 1, when the [new public utilities commission will come into office. It would take three weeks to prepare the specifications, another week to hold a public hearing on the form [of contract, and bids for construction must be advertised for three weeks before an award can be made. Despite this Mr. Metz and W. S. Hurley, the new Commissioner from Brooklyn, threatened yesterday to put more life

made. Despite this Mr. Meth and an analysis of the board in the hope that some way may be found of getting the contracts let before the present commission goes out.

"The McAdoo tunnels under the Hudson River," said Mr. Hurley, "willadrive the population of this city to New Jersey because of the ease and rapidity with which they will be taken to their thomes by the new tunnels. Property in the Joranges is now of greater value than is property today in Brooklyn. As long ago fas 1878 my mother bought's house in Duffield street, Brooklyn, and it would not bring as much in the market now as was paid for it all those years ago, and those conditions will begin to apply to property in all parts of begin to apply to property in all parts of Brooklyn unless something is done speed-ily to improve the travelling facilities be-tween that borough and Manhattan."

AHEARN CASE FOR HUGHES. Facts to Go to the Governor -City "Allows" 33 1-3 Per Cent. Profits.

It is practically certain now that when the Commissioners of Accounts have fin-ished their investigation into the affairs of the Borough President's office their findings will be laid before Gov. Hughes. It will be in the Governor's power to remove President Ahearn if neglect of duty is proved against him.

The testimony of most of the witnesses has tended to put the responsibility for mismanagement squarely up to the Borough President himself, and it is said that unless there is some remarkable change in Mr Ahearn's favor the matter is sure to be brought to the attention of the Gov-

Charles Jacobs, an inspector in the city's Finance Department, was the only witness examined before the commissioners yesterday. He told the commissioners that the excessive prices paid for supplies yesterday. He told the commissioners that the excessive prices paid for supplies under the Ahearn administration were paid in accordance with established custom. Commissioner Mitchel wanted to know if Mr. Jacobs didn't think that the inspections of the youthers for ors who certified to the vouchers for such payments were conniving at the rob-bery of the city.

"I am not prepared to say," replied

Jacobs said he was instructed to allow contractors 33 1-3 per cent. profit. He could not explain how it was that he had let Herman Hurwitz charge prices for gas mantles which gave him a profit of from 100 to 800 per cent. He was under the impression when he passed Hurwitz's bills that the when he passed Hurwitz's bills that the prices charged were fair. He had never made any inquiries in regard to them. He had got his instructions from Chief Auditor McKinney to show a profit of 33 1-3 per cent. He admitted that any bill sent in to the city for less than \$75 was taken for granted and audited at its face

PRESIDENT COLER SUSPICIOUS. Asks for an Investigation of Building Department Graft Stories

President Bird S. Coler of the Borough of Brooklyn apparently is satisfied that there is substantial foundation for the recent stories of grafting by officials of the Building Department and yesterday he sent a letter to District Attorney Clarke requesting him to start an investigation.
"Enough has been disclosed," he says,
to cast suspicion upon certain officials
of a bureau, in which loyalty and honesty

are of the utmost importance. If it were not the fact that human life in our com not the fact that human life in our community is so much dependent upon the honesty of these inspectors, I would hardly ask you to take up this matter up on the vague and uncertain premises outlined above. I feel, however, that in justice to the really honest and overworked men in this bureau—the appropriation for which is altogether inadequate and the amount of work performed by which is tremendous—and in justice to the people of the borough over whose buildings the bureau has supervision, it is my duty to bureau has supervision, it is my duty to ask you to exert all the inquisitorial power of your office to learn whether or not there

has been wrongdoing.

"I would ask that you subpoens before you the building inspectors and ask them whether or not they received or paid bribes. This is the only way which I can think of that the truth will be brought

ELLISON DEMANDS THE NAME Of the Assistant to the Corporation Counsel

Who "Plays On Both Sides." Corporation Counsel Ellison sent to Comptroller Metz yesterday a letter enclosing a newspaper version of a speech Mr. Metz made on Monday night at the meeting of the Allied Real Estate Interests. In denounc-

Allied Real Estate Interests. In denoting the existing system of condemning property for public improvements Mr. Metz was quoted as saying:

"There are so many abuses now that there has got to be a halt. I know of an assistant to the Corporation Counsel who gets \$10,000 a year to advise in these matters and plays the game on both sides. ers and plays the game on both sides. I've got the facts and am going to make

Mr. Ellison asked the Comptroller for the name of the Assistant Corporation Counsel. The communication did not reach the Comptroller's office until he had left for the day.

MR. COLER'S "EXCUSE SIGNS." Disciaims Responsibility of Bad Condition of Brooklyn Streets.

President Bird S. Coler of the Borough of Brooklyn is restive under the general criticism to which he is being subjected for the wretched condition of some of the principal streets and has devised a scheme which he expects will relieve him of most which he expects will relieve him of most of the responsibility. He has given orders for 500 "excuse signs" to be placed in all the streets on which work is being done, and on these inscriptions will be placed setting forth the names of the parties responsible for existing conditions.

The offenders for the most part, according to Mr. Coler, are the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company, the Rapid Transit Commission, the Water Department, the Park Department and contractors.

Department and contractors.

Swimming Pool in Van Cortlandt Park. A free swimming pool is to be built in Van Cortlandt Park. The swimming poo will take the place of the unsightly swamp. The plan calls for a pool 200 feet long by 100 feet wide just south of the present Colonial Gardens in the course of Tibbets Creek. This would insure a constant change of water in the pool and do away with the marsh land. BOOKS AND AUTHORS.

The new novel by the author of "Elizabeth and Her German Garden," to be pub-lished in June, is called "Fraulein Schmidt and Mr. Anstruther." The story is told in a series of letters written by a young German girl, Rose-Marie, to the English student who lived in her father's house for a time ostensibly to perfect his German, incidentally to fall in love with Rose-Marie. The English father has other plans for his son and the lovers are separated. This is the starting point of the story, which develops skilfully in the letters through a period of intimate friendship to a second wooing, in which Rose-Marie takes an unexpected and thoroughly up to date position.

The Memoirs of Mme. de Boigne, the manuscript of which has been so long withheld from the public from "private interests and personal rights," is to be published this week. The countess was an intimate friend of Mme. Récamier and of many of the prominent people in her circle. She also has many reminisences of those famous English women who became personally known to her during her life as an emigre-Ladies Hamilton, Harrington and Stanhope. Mme. de Boigne describes Mme. Récamier as "a true type of womanhood as made by the Creator for the happiness of man. She had all the charm, the virtue, the inconsistency and the weakness of the perfect woman." Among the many entertaining bits awaiting the reader of these memoirs is the following letter written by a clever woman to her husband. "I am writing to you because I do not know what to do and I am ending my letter because I do not know what to say. "SASSINAGE DE MAUGIRON

"Very sorry that I am."

Robert Mac Lehose, who died last month in Glasgow, was the senior member of the firm of publishers noted for their reprint of old books of travel, among which are Hakluyt's "Voyages," in twelve volumes; Purchas, His Pilgrimes A History of the World in Sea Voyages & lande Travells by Englishmen and others," in twenty volumes, and Capt. John Smith's "Travels and Discoveries." Purchas published a large collection of voyages left in manuscript at Hakluyt's death, together with voyages and travels of Dutch, Spanish and Portuguese explorers, and also incorporated many translations from very early books of travel which were becoming scarce even in his day. The edition was published in 1625, and as it has never been reprinted it is a rarity among book collectors.

The motor car has been eagerly seized upon by fiction writers as a useful agent for the propelling of plot and the development of intrigue and episode. It is also a novel and universally interesting feature. It is difficult to understand now how we ever brought a romance to a satisfactory conclusion without this new invention, which has supplanted the tea table and increased the possibility of accident and adventure. Richard Harding Davis has aken it up in his new story to be published next month, called "The Adventures of the Scarlet Car." The girl and the three men who are in it have plenty of lively, dashing and amusing adventures.

The Countess von Arnhim, the author of "Elizabeth and Her German Garden." is an Englishwoman married to a German husband, but to her readers she is and always will be plain Elizabeth. She has a keen sense of humor, kindly and tolerant, and she writes in a leisurely fashion, apparently for her own amusement as well as the entertainment of her readers.

A letter of Victor Hugo-believed to be published for the first time—appears in the June Century, setting forth the author's object in writing "Les Misérables" and its relations to social problems. The letter is taken from a manuscript version in Italian, probably the translation by Victor Hugo's secretary, and was written in response to an inquiry from Count Victor A. Pepe of Italy as to Hugo's purpose in writing his famous book

Onota Watanna, the author of "The Diary of Delia," has an English father and a mother of pure Japanese and Chinese descent. She is married to an American and is the mother of two small sons, who are patriotic members of the Sons of the Revolution. Although she is but 26 years old, she has written seven books and is hard at work upon another. Her experiences since she left China have been varied and interesting, as her home in Canaada was the rendezvous for Japanese and Chinese travellers in America. Her father was a warm friend of Chinese Gordon, also of the secretary of Li Hung Chang.

Dr. W. A. P. Martin, author of "The Awakening of China," is one of the few Americans who speak and write in the Chinese language. He has been president of the Tung Wen College of Pekin, also of the Imperial University of China. He was in the siege of Pekin in 1900 and was made Mandarin, receiving the Red Button by special decree of the Emperor. Dr. Martin has written books in the Chinese language on Christianity, philosophy and international law. His best known in English are "Cycle of Cathay" and "Lore of Cathay."

Miss Emma Brooke, who wrote "Sir Elyot of the Woods," is an English girl of North Country descent. After her father's death she enrolled herself as one of the pioneer students of Newnham College, and some years later, having lost a great part of her fortune, she settled in London and turned her attention to literary work During the intervals of her novels she has made a tabulation of European factory acts in relation to hours of labor and the regulations for women and children.

A friend of the English author Samuel Gordon, whose novel of Russo-Jewry has been issued in this country, describes him as follows: "In private life Mr. Gordon s rather an elusive character. It is becoming more difficult than ever to lure him from his untidy lair, his study. Those who call upon him will find him working hard, lying prone on his back with a cigar be ween his teeth and his eyes closed. But he is not asleep. He is listening intently to the sweet strains of a violin into which an extremely pretty girl is putting all the ardor of her soul. The young lady, Miss Esther Zichlin, will before long lead Mr. Gordon very willingly to the altar of the Great Synagogue, London, where the novelist's father is one of the ministers, and shortly afterward they may visit America.

It is an odd coincidence that two novels should be published at the same time, one bearing the title of "A Winged Victory" and the other called "The Wingless Victory "The Wingless Victory" is an English importation written by a woman teacher in Learnington. "A Winged Victory" is the work of Prof. Robert Mores Lovett of the University of Chicago, and takes its name from a poem addressed to the heroine goddess on the prow of his trireme, a rhapsody on girlhood and nature." The girl describes herself as being like the to be the only American that has described to be the only American that has desc by her lover, "the prayer of a Greek to the

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Gertrude Atherton wrote three years ago in her "Rulers of Kings" of "kites that can be sent by electricity to an inealculable distance and rain down dynamite enough to kill a thousand men if they are close enough together." She wrote also of steel forts moving by electricity that travel over any sort of ground, and of an apparatus on the principles of the flying machine which will carry them over swamps and rivers. Battle kites such as she anticipated are at present actively discussed and planned. The French Government within a few weeks has been attracting attention by an armored automobile-a movable fort with cannonwhich gets over extremely rough ground altogether away from the roads. The third of her prophecies, the flying fort, is yet to be realized. But if you would find a modern prophet look among the novel writers.

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The 'Diary of Delia,' by Onoto Watanna, is the journal of the cook that most every one is looking for and no one ever finds -the cook that is willing to do the work of three servants and has a brogue, a sense of humor and a loving heart, all for \$20 a month. It is well that the "Diary of Delia" has been written, for there aren't any more of her species left. Most of the chapters begin—"Aroze. Dressed. Washed." But there is a great variety to the things that Delia accomplished during the day.

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